



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mattole Forest Fire Station - Potable Water Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE's Mattole Forest Fire Station 44056 Mattole Road Honeydew, CA 95545	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will involve installing two new 5,000 gallon water tanks. A small (10 foot by 12 foot) accessory structure will be built to house water treatment equipment. A deeper well will be drilled to provide a more reliable source of water, which will require a well drilling permit. Minor trenching and backfilling will be required to repair existing pipes and/or install new pipes. During the work required to install the water tanks, construct the structure, drill the well, and repair associated water pipes, less than one acre of soil will be disrupted. Disrupted areas will be backfilled to original grade, which will prevent any change in drainage pattern.

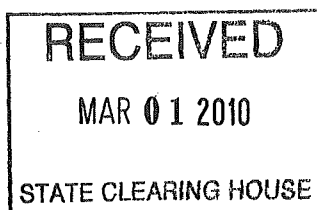
### EXEMPTION STATUS

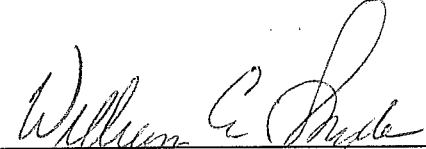
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, 3, and 4      §15301 Existing Facilities  
   §15303 (e) New Construction  
   §15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of three classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA: Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Class 3 (New Construction), and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land). Most of the project activities would occur within previously disturbed areas. The areas where new ground disturbing activities might occur are limited and are best described as minor in scope. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review completed by CAL FIRE is kept on file at CAL FIRE's HUU Unit Headquarters in Fortuna.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



 2/23/10  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date